

**MINUTES OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY
EUROPEAN SOCIETY FOR BIOMATERIALS
Arcachon, Bordeaux, 10 September, 1999**

Present:

About 50 members of the European Society for Biomaterials were present.

1. President's Report

Peter Revell informed the Assembly about current activities in progress, including

- the Kluwer Academic Publishers current sponsoring Laboratory Memberships for research groups in Poland, Latvia, Bulgaria and Russia;

- Kluwer Academic publishers' Prize to Best Paper in the Journal of Materials Science:

Materials in Medicine. The first prize for 1998 is to be delivered during the Bordeaux meeting;

- an increase in the number of members (the ESB has grown almost 10% during the recent year).

- PR informed that that Henk Koerten will retire from being Vice-President. Great appreciation was expressed for the work performed by Henk during the years in the Council;

- PR informed that Luigi Ambrosio during the recent year has been appointed Assistant Treasurer, working in cooperation with Charles Baquey. This procedure has been fruitful since C. Baquey has been organizing the 15th ESB Conference. Further, the succession on the post as Treasurer will be ensured.

2. Secretary's Report

Peter Thomsen informed the Assembly about

- the general running matters (correspondence etc);

- the ongoing work with the membership lists and the formation of "Special Interest Groups" with the great help of Dr Rachel Williams (UK);

- the initiative from the Council to promote the participation of young students in the ESB and at conferences. The Young Scientists Forum (YSF) has been successfully launched thanks to the work by several young scientists. Based on the experience gained from this year's YSF, the Council is prepared to discuss further initiatives in the field of education and related important areas for the young members of the society.

The results of the Mail Ballot for new members of the ESB Council were reported. Nine members had been nominated and their names, affiliations and CVs were communicated to members of the society. Sandra Downes (UK) had acted as Ballot Officer. Four members of the Council ended their mandate period (C. James Kirkpatrick, Peter Revell, Charles Baquey and Heinrich Planck). One member, Henk Koerten has retired from the Council. The members receiving the 5 highest number of votes were:

C.J. Kirkpatrick (D)

C. Baquey (F)

P. Revell (UK)

E. Schacht (B)

H. Planck (D)

These members now will have 4 year mandate periods (1999-2003) as members of the Council.

The results for the nominees in places 6-9 were personally communicated to them by PTh during the present ESB meeting and by letters.

3. Treasurer's Report

Charles Baquey presented the Revenue and Balance Accounts. The Assembly was informed that the Council had decided to continue the agreement with a professional accountant.

4. Auditor's Report

On behalf of the auditors, Josep Planell informed the Assembly that the Accounts were held in good order.

5. Editor's Report, Journal of Materials Science: Materials in Medicine

William Bonfield informed the Assembly about the current progress with the journal. The transition of ownership and administration has been successful and the Kluwer Academic Publishers look forward to continued cooperation and expansion of the journal. The delivery process of the MIM is going to be optimized in cooperation with the Council. The 1998 Best Paper in MIM prize consists of USD 500 and a Certificate, which will be delivered during the meeting.

6. Editor's report, ESB News and Web site

Henk Koerten informed the Assembly about the current status of the ESB News. An annual News will be produced and delivered to members.

Martin Dauner (on behalf of Carsten Linti, web site responsible) informed the Assembly about the current status of the web site. The site now contains advertisements and a job site. The web site will be provided with a new address. Members and companies wishing to establish links with the web site are required to contact Carsten Linti.

7. International Union of Societies for Biomaterials Science and Engineering (IUS-BSE)

Ulrich Gross reported from the recent International Liaison Committee meeting in Rhode Island, USA. A summary of the report will appear on the web site and in the ESB News.

The ILC has been changed into International Union of Societies for Biomaterials Science and Engineering (IUS-BSE) with the ESB as one of the constituent societies. The current Chair is Professor Andreas von Recum, USA.

UG reported that Australia hosts the WBC 2004, candidate lists of new Fellows from the Fellows of constituent societies have been approved by the Chair and will be informed by him, guidelines for the work of IUS-BSE have been amended/approved and that the ESB has been recognized as a serious applicant for the WBC 2008. The decision on the venue for the 2008 meeting will be made in Hawaii, 2000.

8. Forthcoming Conferences

WBC 2000 : Hawaii

ESB 2001 : London

ESB 2002 : Barcelona

ESB 2003 : vacant

9. Other matters

No other matters were addressed.



Peter Thomsen
Secretary